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Sir:

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b)

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56 and 1.97(b), Applicants bring to the attention of the Examiner the documents listed on the attached PTO-1449. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits for the above-referenced application.

An International Search Report (ISR) dated October 5, 2004 is attached together with a copy of each document listed on the PTO Form 1449 that is not a U.S. patent or U.S. patent publication.

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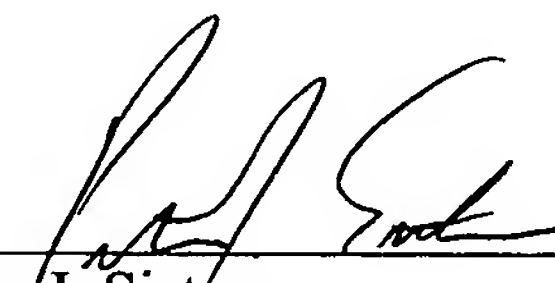
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